

AGENDA



Thursday, May 8, 2008

**Police
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION****Item No. 29**

Subject: Approve a resolution authorizing the application of \$55,000 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act Fund Program for the operation of the APD/Lifeworks Delinquency Prevention Project.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act Fund Program for the grant period September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2009. There is no required match.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is not required.

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This action approves a resolution authorizing the application and acceptance of \$55,000 in grant funds from the State of Texas, Governor's Office, Criminal Justice Division, Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (JJDP) Act Fund Program. The project period is September 1, 2008 - August 31, 2009. The project is entitled the "APD/Lifeworks Delinquency Prevention Project."

With grant funding, the City of Austin would enter into a contract with LifeWorks 1) to provide timely and appropriate services to 41 youth and their families to reduce the risk and occurrence of family conflict and delinquent behavior and 2) to provide training and consultant services for Austin police cadets and officers in communicating with adjudicated youth.

The APD/LifeWorks Delinquency Prevention Project will serve 41 adjudicated youth and their families. Runaway adjudicated youth will be referred to LifeWorks by the Austin Police Department and the Gardner Betts Juvenile Justice Center. All counselors are trained to assess eligibility for services and attend to the youth and families as soon as a crisis arises. Counselors keep crisis slots available for families and as a result, families may be given a "same day" appointment on the day of their crisis.

This grant application is in accordance with the 2006 Travis County Community Plan and responsive to the needs of Austin's youth by providing delinquency prevention and professional counseling aimed at curbing criminal behavior and encouraging positive social interaction.